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Frank, West Virginia, Resident Convicted Of Transportation of Minor for Illegal Sexual Activity

ELKINS, WV — A 39 year old Frank, West Virginia, resident was convicted today (February 28, 2007) by a Federal Trial Jury after a two-day trial in United States District Court in Elkins before Judge Robert E. Maxwell.

United States Attorney Sharon L. Potter announced that JACK EARL VANCE was convicted on charges contained in a two-count Indictment. Specifically, VANCE was convicted on Count One of the Indictment charging him with traveling from Durbin, Pocahontas County, West Virginia, to the State of Virginia, on August 24, 2005, for the purpose of engaging in a sexual act with a person under 18 years of age. VANCE was also convicted on Count Two of the Indictment charging him with transporting a minor from Durbin to the State of Virginia on August 24, 2005, with the intent to engage the minor in criminal sexual activity.

VANCE, who is currently in custody, faces an exposure of 5 to 30 years imprisonment and fine of \$250,00 on Count One of the Indictment and a maximum exposure of 30 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000 on Count Two of the Indictment.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Shawn Angus Morgan and was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the West Virginia State Police.

USA Potter stated, "The Department of Justice remains committed to protecting children from criminal activity of this type. The United States Attorney's Office appreciates the hard work and dedication of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the West Virginia State Police in investigating this case."

In February 2006, Attorney General Alberto R. Gonzales launched Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov/.

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